

IN THE CLAIMS

1. – 32. **(canceled)**

33. **(new)** A communication method for a mobile communication system, said communication method comprising:

transmitting data and an error correction code for said data from a transmitting side via separate transmission paths, wherein said data is transmitted via a transmission path without attaching any part of said error correction code, and

receiving at a receiving side, said data and said error correction code for said data and conducts error correction decoding by an error correction unit using both of said received data and said received error correction code.

34. **(new)** The communication method according to claim 33, wherein said error correction code is transmitted so that said error correction code is received at said receiving side before a reception timing of said data or within a predetermined time period from said reception timing.

35. **(new)** A wireless communication system comprising:

transmitting means for transmitting first data via a first path, second data via a second path and third data via third path wherein said third data includes a first error correction code for said first data and a second error correction code for said second data; and

means for receiving said first data, said second data and said third data to be decoded via said first path, said second path and said third path.